

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 26 is added. Support for new claim 26 can be found, for example, in Figs. 5, 6 and 10. No new matter is added.

In reply to the October 19, 2007 Election of Species Requirement (Requirement), Applicants provisionally elect Species I. Claims 1-14 and 26 read on elected Species I. This Election is made with traverse.

The Requirement alleges that there are two patentably distinct species and that these species are distinct because each species contains its own structural limitations that make them distinct from each other. However, Applicants respectfully disagree. Applicants respectfully assert that the alleged species are not mutually exclusive. See MPEP §806.04(f).

According to MPEP §806.04(f), a requirement for restriction to a single species is only proper if the species are mutually exclusive. Here, the features of either Species I or II, do not specifically exclude any of the features of the other Species. For example, Species I does not exclude a power source circuit board from being located adjacent to an outlet. Additionally, Species II does not exclude a power source circuit board from being disposed downstream of a second power source circuit board in an air flow passage direction. Thus, the alleged Species I and II are not mutually exclusive.

It is also respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all Species is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one Species would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining Species. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is

respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office. Thus, withdrawal of the Election of Species Requirement is respectfully requested.

Examination and allowance in due course are earnestly solicited.

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